

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the claims of the invention into the following three groups:

- Group I - Claims 1-9, 23-25 and 27, drawn to a liquid crystal display with barrier ribs, an ink-jet color filter, and thin-film transistor details;
- Group II - Claims 10-12 and 26, drawn to a substrate having barrier lines formed in a single direction and an ink-jet color filter; and
- Group III - Claims 13-22 and 28 drawn to a liquid crystal display.

Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-9, 23-25 and 27) with traverse.

Claims 13-22 and 28 from Group III all depend upon independent claim 10 of Group II. As a result, indication of allowability of claim 10 of Group II would automatically make the claims of Group III allowable. As a result, there is no undue burden on the Examiner to examine Group III with Group II. Further, the Examiner has examined all of the claims of the invention in previous Office Actions. That is, the Office Action of February 14, 2003 examined claims 1-26 on the merits including a search as indicated on the attached PTO-892 form. The Office Action of September 10, 2003 examined claims 1-4 and 6-25 on the merits. Claims 27 and 28 were presented in the Amendment of December 10, 2003, and these new claims were dependent upon already existent claims 1 and 17.

As a result, the Examiner has searched and examined claims spanning all three of the groups of the invention. There is therefore no undue burden placed upon the Examiner to examine all of the claims of the invention.

The Examiner is accordingly respectfully requested to rejoin Groups I, II and III and examine all of the claims on the merits.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert E. Goozner, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 42,593) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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